

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original) A housing for a variable displacement hydraulic pump having a total of six side portions comprised of an open first longitudinal end, a spaced, open second longitudinal end, and four adjoining radial sides connecting said longitudinal ends, and a porting system with four case drains such that an orifice for each of said case drains is located in the vicinity of the top surface of said housing when any one of said six sides is so spatially positioned that it occupies an upwardly directed generally horizontal surface position.

Claim 2 (Original) The housing as in claim 1 wherein said variable displacement pump is of a light duty variety.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) A housing for a variable displacement hydraulic pump having comprising multiple external surfaces and including at least three case drain orifices, with ~~at least one case drain orifice in~~ at least two differing ones of said external surfaces having at least one of said at least three case drain orifices.

Claim 4 (Original) The housing as in claim 3 wherein said pump is a light duty pump.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) The housing as in claim 4 wherein one of said case drain orifices is located in the vicinity of an upwardly-directed generally horizontal surface position, regardless of the spatial orientation of said housing.

Claim 6 (Original) The housing as in claim 4 wherein one of said case drain orifices is located at an upper-most section of said housing in any spatial orientation of said housing.

Claims 7-8 (Cancelled)

Claim 9 (Original) The housing as in claim 4 wherein one of said case drain orifices is located at the bottom-most section of said housing in any spatial orientation of said housing.

Claim 10 (Original) A light duty, variable displacement hydraulic pump having a multi-sided surface housing and an attached endcap wherein said housing has at least one case drain orifice in differing ones of at least three housing surfaces, said orifices being located near an upper-most surface of said pump in any spatial orientation of said pump.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) In a variable displacement hydraulic pump having a housing with a multiplicity of interconnected surfaces, including opposed end surfaces and intermediate side surfaces, the improvement comprising at least three case drain orifices with the location of at least one case drain orifice in each of a two ~~plurality of~~ differing ones of said surfaces in a manner such that at least one of said orifices is located in the vicinity of the top surface of said housing in any spatial orientation of said housing.

Claim 12 (Original) The improved housing of claim 11, wherein said variable displacement hydraulic pump is of a light duty variety.

Claim 13 (Original) The improved housing of claim 11, wherein said housing includes two end surfaces and a plurality of intermediate side surfaces.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) The improved housing of claim ~~12~~ 13, wherein said case drain orifices are located within at least some of said plurality of intermediate side surfaces.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) The improved housing of claim ~~13~~ 14 wherein said at least some of said plurality of intermediate side surfaces is no less than three.